

Tanks constructed of material of greater thickness than minimum requirements and that are reinforced with stiffeners may be accepted without baffles.

(4) An opening fitted with a threaded pipe plug may be used on the bottom of the tank for cleaning purposes.

(b) *Supports.* (1) Tanks shall be adequately supported and braced to prevent movement. The supports and braces shall be insulated from contact with the tank surface with a nonabrasive and nonabsorbent material.

(c) *Fittings.* (1) Filling lines shall be at least 1½ inches standard pipe size and extend to within 1½-pipe diameters of the bottom of the tank.

(2) Suction lines from diesel oil tanks may be taken from the bottom provided a shutoff valve is installed at the tank. Tanks for Grades B and C liquids shall have top suction only.

(3) Vent lines shall be at least equal in size to the filling lines.

(4) When a cargo tank contains Grades B or C liquids, the vent lines shall be terminated with an approved pressure vacuum relief valve not less than 3 feet above the weather deck. When a cargo tank contains Grades D or E liquids the vent line may be terminated with a gooseneck fitted with flame screen at a reasonable height above the weather deck.

(d) *Hydrostatic tests.* All tanks vented to the atmosphere shall be hydrostatically tested to a pressure of 5 pounds per square inch or 1½ times the maximum head to which they may be subjected in service. A standpipe of 11½ feet in length attached to the tanks may be filled with water to accomplish the 5 pounds per square inch test.

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#### § 105.20-5 Piping systems.

(a) Piping shall be copper, nickel copper, or copper nickel having a minimum wall thickness of 0.035"; except that seamless steel pipe or tubing which provides equivalent safety may be used for diesel cargo systems.

(b) Valves shall be of a suitable non-ferrous metallic Union Bonnet type with ground seats except that steel or nodular iron may be used in cargo systems utilizing steel pipe or tubing.

(c) Aluminium or aluminum alloy valves and fittings are prohibited for use in cargo lines.

#### § 105.20-10 Pumps.

(a) Pumps for cargo dispensing shall be of a type satisfactory for the purpose.

(b) A relief valve shall be provided on the discharge side of pump if the pressure under shutoff conditions exceeds 60 pounds. When a relief valve is installed, it shall discharge back to the suction of the pump.

(c) Where electric motors are installed with dispensing pumps they shall be explosion proof and shall be labeled as explosion proof by Underwriter's Laboratories, Inc., or other recognized laboratory, as suitable for Class I, Group D atmospheres.

#### § 105.20-15 Grounding.

(a) All tanks and associated lines shall be electrically grounded to the vessel's common ground.

(b) A grounded type hose and nozzle shall be used for dispensing fuels.

### Subpart 105.25—Additional Requirements—When Cargo Tanks Are Installed Below Decks

#### § 105.25-1 General requirements.

(a) Cargo tank and piping systems shall be as described in Subpart 105.20.

#### § 105.25-5 Compartments or areas containing cargo tanks or pumping systems.

(a) Compartments or areas containing tanks or pumping systems shall be closed off from the remainder of the vessel by gastight bulkheads. Such gastight bulkheads may be pierced for a drive shaft and pump engine control rods if such openings are fitted with stuffing boxes or other acceptable gland arrangements.